

CONFERENCE OF SALT LAKE STAKE

Three Interesting Meetings Held
And Timely Instructions Given
By Leading Elders.

AFTERNOON AT TABERNACLE.

Sunday Theaters Strongly Investigated
Against—Part of Ensign Stake
Added to Salt Lake Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake stake was held yesterday, there being three sessions. The first meeting was held in the Assembly hall at 10 o'clock in the morning, under the direction of President Nephil L. Morris and counselors. Presidents John R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund of the first presidency were in attendance.

The opening hymn, "Redeemer of Israel, our only delight," was sung by the choir and congregation. Prayer was offered by Bishop Robert H. Bradford of Center ward. Singing, by the choir, "He died, the great Redeemer died." The sacrament was administered under the direction of the bishopric of the Twenty-eighth ward, the blessing upon the bread being pronounced by Bishop William McMillan, and the blessing upon the water by Counselor Henry T. Cowburn.

PRESIDENT N. L. MORRIS. President Morris, in reporting the condition of the stake, condemned the heinous position of some, who profess to be members of the Church, yet ally themselves with those who are the sworn enemies of God's work. People of this kind must be densely ignorant of what they are doing, or else they are apostates at heart. They are spiritually diseased and need the attention of those who can apply the proper remedies. The bishopric and teachers were urged to labor with these, so that those who could be saved might not be lost.

President Morris instructed the bishopric to secure honorable releases from returned missionaries before assigning them to local work. These brethren, who had labored abroad in the service of the Master, and who were looked upon as the favored of the Church, should not feel that upon coming home they had fulfilled their duty to God. They were under obligation to labor at home for the salvation of men's souls. Indeed, in this city there was a big field for missionary effort. Satan is busy dragging men and women down, using as his agencies the saloons and Sunday theaters. The liquor business has always been a menace to civilization, but there was hope that eventually this evil would go out of existence as men became more enlightened. The Sunday theaters cause disrespect for the Sabbath day and draw the minds of the young away from the sacred and solemn thoughts which this day should inspire. Then, too, they draw the young people toward that part of the city where the greatest evils abound, and none but one boy has begun his downward career by witnessing the frivolous performances of these haunts of evil. The parents were requested to use their influence with their children to have them keep away from the business part of town in the evening, when so many temptations to wrongdoing are offered.

A solo, "The Heavenly Song," was sung by Esther Davis.

ELDER CHRISTENSEN. Elder Jens M. Christensen, who had

recently presided over the Scandinavian mission of the Church, addressed the conference. He advised the parents to make their homes pleasant and attractive, so that their children would not desire to wander about the streets. No father or mother should assume that his or her child is immune from temptation. We are all human and are liable to err. It is our duty to throw about our children all possible safeguards.

There is nothing in the world to be compared with the gospel of Jesus Christ. All the pleasures of this life vanish away but the gospel will not perish. We should not be satisfied with a view of the surface of this grand system, but should drink deep of its truths.

ELDER E. T. ASHTON.

Counselor Edward T. Ashton said that there were some parents who expressed the view that their children ought not to be baptized at the age of eight years, thinking that this is too early a time at which to be introduced into the Church. They seem to think that the children should be permitted to grow to maturity, when they can judge better regarding questions of religion. Such parents set themselves in opposition to the word of God Himself, who has decreed that the children of the Church should be baptized at the age of eight years. Men and women are on dangerous ground when they undertake to set aside the will of their heavenly Father. The duty can not be too early to instill religious truths into the minds of children. Some of the most lasting impressions are made between the ages of four and twelve years.

The speaker could not make salutes among many children to make salutes of their parents. The young are blessed with numerous opportunities for securing personal comfort and education, but they permit their parents to perform all the duties of the home. Children ought to realize the heavy burdens carried by their fathers and mothers and assist them wherever possible.

ELDER F. B. GRANT.

Elder Brigham F. Grant of the high council said how beautiful a duty it is for the mother to teach her little children to pray. It is a serious neglect to allow a child to grow up without showing it how to supplicate its heavenly Father.

In a short time business men will take an inventory of their goods, as they will in the month of January. Let them permit their parents to perform all the duties of the home, and how they have prospered. Why should not all take an inventory of their lives, as that they may see what they really are? Let all look back over the past year and count mistakes. Let all resolve to live down evil habits and live godly lives in the future.

PRESIDENT LUND.

President Anthon H. Lund spoke of the progress being made in missionary work abroad. In his native town, Aalborg, in Denmark, years ago, when the missionaries of the Church attempted to hold a meeting they were set upon by a mob. Afterward services were held in backyards in obscure neighborhoods. Now, during the presidency of Elder Jens M. Christensen, a substantial and comfortable conference house had been erected. Of late, baptisms were increasing in Great Britain. God is crowning with success the labor and devotion of the missionaries.

The conference voted unanimously to sustain the present general and stake authorities.

It was announced that that part of Ensign stake lying north of Second North street and west of City Creek had been annexed to the Salt Lake stake.

Singing, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah."

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Andrew Jensen.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Elders J. T. Flashman and Andrew Jensen Address Congregation.

The second session of the Salt Lake stake conference convened in the tabernacle at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The choir sang the hymn, "Lo, the mighty God appearing." Prayer was offered by Elder William Asper. Singing, "Jesus, once of humble birth."

Elder James T. Flashman, an alternate high counselor of the Salt Lake stake, addressed the assembly. He said that if men and women will live the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ they will obtain salvation for their souls. There are so many temptations in the world that it is necessary for all to use their utmost endeavors to keep in the straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life. It is the duty of those who have received the light to warn their neighbors, so that all may repent of their transgressions and come unto Christ. The precepts of the gospel should not be regarded as a mere theory, to be thought of and talked about, but should be shown in daily life.

ELDER ANDREW JENSEN.

Elder Andrew Jensen was the second speaker. He said that there was an opinion among many people that the Latter-day Saints are not believers in Jesus Christ. None have a more sincere belief in the Redeemer of the world than have those who are called Mormons. Not only do they accept the ancient Scriptures which speak of Christ, but they have modern revelation concerning His great work of redemption.

The speaker declared that nearly all Christians have a vague idea concerning the personality of God. They regard Him as a mysterious essence pervading all space. The Latter-day Saints hold that the heavenly Father is a being whose image man is formed, omnipotent and omniscient. In ancient days men spoke to God face to face, and in modern times Joseph Smith and others had beheld His glorious person and had heard His voice.

The great system called Mormonism is not the product of some man's brain, but was instituted by God Himself. The Prophet Joseph Smith and his associates were merely the agents of heaven in establishing a Church which God would recognize as His. All other religious societies, however much good they might be doing, were but the work of men.

Elder Jensen spoke of his travels in Palestine, and contrasted the conditions there now with those of the Savior's day. Then the meek and lowly Jesus went about doing good to all, healing the sick, blessing the little children, even raising the dead to life. Now those who claim to be his followers are divided into many sects, quarreling one with another and oftentimes engaging in religious wars, and contrasting the conditions of Christianity, are through necessity kept on hand to quell disturbances among the Christians.

Singing, "With sheathed swords."

Benediction by Elder Arthur Parsons.

EVENING SESSION.

Third Meeting of Conference Devoted To Religion Classes.

The third session of the conference convened in the Assembly hall, at 7 o'clock in the evening and was devoted to the work of the Religion classes. Stake Supt. Henry B. Elder presided. The following exercises were presented:

Singing, by the Religion class children, under the direction of Stake Chorister Alvin A. Beasley, "In Our Lovely Desert."

Prayer in concert by the children.

Singing by representatives of the Twenty-third ward.

A report by the stake secretary, showing that in each of the wards there was a fully organized Religion class and that in the stake there were 493 pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of 395.

Supt. Elder thanked the stake authorities and the members of the general board for the support that the stake organization had received.

Eight boys from the Sixteenth ward sang a selection.

Memory games, consisting of short passages of scripture were repeated by children of the Fifteenth ward.

Singing, "Count Your Blessings."

A little girl from the Twenty-third ward presented a lesson on Joseph Smith.

"Gather Up the Sunbeams," a duet, was sung by boys belonging to the Center ward class.

MRS. REES TALKS.

Mrs. Ida Rees of the stake board related incidents showing the good results in the lives of children who had

been under the influence of the teachings of the Religion classes. Little boys and girls had testified to the good things that God had done for them in their moments of trouble. On many occasions the children had seen their prayers answered.

Singing, "Jesus Bids Us Shine," by members of the Nineteenth ward class.

ELDER J. W. McMURRIN.

Elder Joseph W. McMurrin addressed the assembly, being one of the general board of Religion classes. He said that the training that the little boys were now receiving was fitting them for their future work as missionaries of the gospel. The use of singing would yield good results eventually, for many a conversion has had its beginning in hearing one of the songs of Zion. These classes were an auxiliary of the Church system, and there were several thousand young men and women who were being educated in the schools of the Church, where they were receiving spiritual as well as a moral training, but there were many more thousands of children who were not under the influence of the educational institutions of the Church, and for the benefit of these the Religion classes had been established.

PRESIDENT A. H. LUND.

President Anthon H. Lund appealed to the parents to lend their full support to the Religion classes, for these organizations were in existence for the purpose of giving to the children of the Latter-day Saints the precious religious truths which the public schools cannot, under the law, present to them. This movement had not been established for the purpose of enticing the children of those not members of the Church away from the public schools, but was for the benefit of the children of Latter-day Saints parents.

Some had declared that Religion classes are unnecessary, inasmuch as they present many of the subjects taught in the Sunday schools and Primary associations. Even if this is true it is not a good argument against this new organization, because the children cannot be taught too much of what is good and pure.

Singing, "Love at Home."

Benediction by Elder James B. Walkley.

THE WANT COLUMNS of the Semi-weekly News are read by from 100,000 to 150,000 people twice a week.

FILE TEST CASE AGAINST TINGEY

Corporations Will Fight Payment
Of Annual Tax on Constitutional Ground.

STATE BUILDINGS STOPPED.

Commonwealth Expected \$75,000 in
Cash and Regulated Expenditures,
But Taxpayers Change Plans.

Secy. of State C. S. Tingey has announced that notwithstanding any agreements to the contrary, he will prepare a list of corporations which have not complied with the new license of tax imposed upon them by the last legislature in an act requiring a yearly payment based upon the amount of their capital stock. Mr. Tingey said Saturday:

"On Jan. 15 I will prepare a list of delinquents and turn the same over to the attorney-general for the enforcement of the provisions of the act. On that date every corporation which has not paid the state license will be liable to a fine of \$100, and I will not accept payments of the tax without the \$100 fine be added. So far as the attorney-general is concerned, I have nothing to do with it. It is his duty to make, but this office will proceed to do its duty in the matter, irrespective of the agreement."

TINGEY WILL PROCEED.

Secretary of State Will Not Delay
Demands for Payment of Taxes.

A test case to determine the constitutionality of the law passed by the last legislature fixing a tax or license to be paid annually, based upon the capital stock of the corporations, was filed in the district court Saturday. It will probably be carried to the supreme court by agreement.

The Block Rock Copper Mining & Milling company has brought the action. Its attorneys being Lawrence & Robertson and Snyder & Snyder. They allege that they paid the tax of \$15 under protest and are seeking its recovery. The decision will affect 639 corporations within the state, and it is understood that they have contributed to a fund to fight the case in the courts.

From the corporations of the state, the state expects to collect \$75,000 in taxes this year. Because of the fact that the financial situation has been so clouded and the corporations have been slow to pay their annual tax, much building has been stopped.

CHIEF PITT INVESTIGATING.

Charges of Improper Conduct Lodged
Against Officer Burton.

Chief of Police Tom D. Pitt is making an investigation into the alleged improper conduct of Officer Burton Saturday night. Charges have been brought against Patrolman Burton by J. H. Strang, superintendent of the Tetro mine; B. Harper and John S. Bales, well known citizens. They claim they were eating at Young's cafe Saturday night when Burton entered, and with a drawn revolver, placed them under arrest as vagrants. They claim that Burton was intoxicated at the time, and that he forced them to accompany him to police headquarters. They were easily able to establish their identity and were released.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Members Meet and Reorganize—Interesting Program Carried Out.

At a meeting of the Utah Archeological society, held in the library of the U. of U. Saturday evening, a reorganization of officials was effected, as follows: Judge H. P. Henderson, president; J. T. Kingsbury, first vice president; Willard Young, second vice president; Byron Cummings, secretary and

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Addresses on the expedition into the San Juan country last summer were delivered by Prof. Cummings, Ed Armstrong and Neil Judd, selections were rendered by the University Glee club, after which the members became the guests of Mrs. Byron Cummings and refreshments were served in the reception room.

BOOKS.

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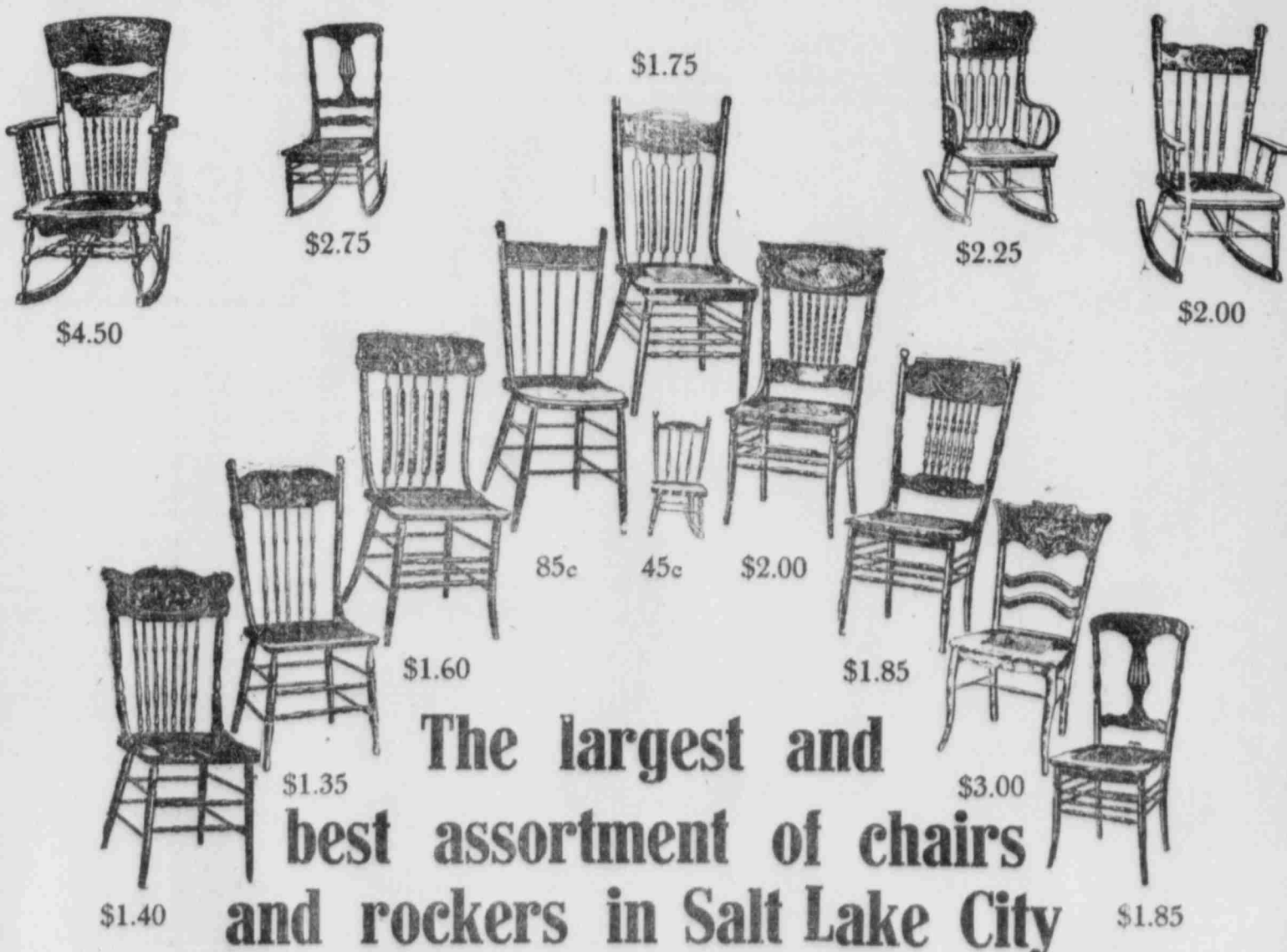
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